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Please amend the application as follows, without prejudice.

IN THE CLAIMS

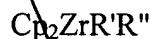
Please amend claims 1-12.

1. (amended) A catalyst system for [the] polymerisation of ethylene, comprising chromium oxide and a metallocene supported on an inorganic support, characterised by:

- a) said support being a particulate inorganic oxide;
- b) [the] chromium of said chromium oxide being in a reduced oxidation state,

and

- c) a metallocene compound having [the] a formula:



wherein each Cp, being equal or different, is an unsubstituted or substituted cyclopentadienyl compound, and R' and R'', independant of each other, are selected from the group [comprising] consisting of alkyls having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, unsubstituted or substituted benzyl, and phenoxy substituted with alkyls having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, and R' or R'' may be a halide.

2. (amended) A catalyst system according to claim 1, characterised in that the cyclopentadienyl compound is substituted with radicals selected from the group [comprising]